

August 2017

## Author Bill Hart to Discuss *Historic Missouri Roadsides*

On **Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council, will host author **Bill Hart** for a discussion and signing of his book, *Historic Missouri Roadsides*. A free light reception will precede the program at 6:00 p.m.



Hart offers a richly illustrated travel/history/photography book, consisting of six tours of Missouri on mostly two-lane roads and highways. Varying greatly in length, five of the seven tours mark their beginning points near Kansas City and St. Louis, making the tours attractive to Missouri "staycationers" who are eager to get out of the city. One tour is traveled almost exclusively on Missouri Route 79. Dubbed the River Road tour, the route along Highway 79 closely follows the Mississippi River north from St. Charles County to Lewis County, near the Iowa border. The Platte Purchase tour begins in St. Joseph, Missouri, and heads north and east through all of the counties of the purchase which completed the map of Missouri in 1853 and then some, traveling to Unionville in north central Missouri. Places to eat/drink, visit/shop, and stay are listed in the book and include only small, Missouri-owned businesses. *This program is presented in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council.*

Copies of Hart's book will be available for purchase and signing. Reservations are requested for this **free program** by calling 816-268-8010 or emailing [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

## Are you connected to the National Archives at Kansas City?



Recently the National Archives at Kansas City added a new social media account. Find and follow us on Instagram at: [kansascity.archives](https://www.instagram.com/kansascity.archives). As a reminder we encourage our patrons to use electronic mail and social media to connect with us. Our Facebook address is [www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity](https://www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity). In addition, you can tweet us via Twitter @KCArchives or #KCArchives.



All information about upcoming events and programs is emailed to patrons through our electronic mailing list. If we do not have your address on file, please send an email with your preferred address to [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or call 816-268-8000. By providing your address, you grant the National Archives at Kansas City permission to send you information about special events, and programs. Per the Privacy Act of 1974, we will not share your personal information with third parties.



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## Upcoming Events

Unless noted, all events are held at the National Archives  
400 W. Pershing Road  
Kansas City, MO 64108

- **AUG. 2** - 9:30 A.M.  
WORKSHOP: WWI APP FOR EDUCATORS
- **AUG. 8** - ALL DAY  
ELECTION DAY:  
POLLING SITE
- **AUG. 17** - 6:30 P.M.  
AUTHOR DISCUSSION:  
*HISTORIC MISSOURI ROADSIDES* BY BILL HART
- **AUG. 22** - 6:30 P.M.  
LECTURE: 6TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK

## World War I App Workshop for Educators

The National Archives and National World War I Museum and Memorial are holding a free workshop for teachers and educators on **Wednesday, August 2 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**, to explore practical scenarios for using NARA's new national World War I app in the classroom. It will be held at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City. The Museum is helping to partner on this new app, titled [Remembering WWI](#), which invites teachers and museums nationwide to contribute their own stories and play a part in the centennial commemoration of the World War I. In this how-to session, Historypin will introduce the ways the app has been designed to help people explore, use, and reuse newly digitized WWI photographs and moving images. Pastries, coffee, and a light lunch will be provided.



Please bring an iPad (minimum requirements iOS 9) or Android tablet (minimum requirements Android 5, minimum width 4.3 inches) if you own one, and have the Remembering WWI app [downloaded](#) if you can. Register [here](#).

## 6th Annual Women's Equality Week Program *Building Coalitions through Courageous Conversations: Lessons learned from the 1960s and 1970s*

On **Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives in partnership with the American Association of University Women – KC Branch, will host **Reverend Diana Hughes** for a discussion titled ***Building Coalitions through Courageous Conversations: Lessons learned from the 1960s and 1970s***. A free light reception will precede the program at 6:00 p.m.

Starting conversations to find common ground can be a daunting task; and having tools for civility is key to successful interactions whether with friends, family, or neighbors. Reverend Diana Hughes, of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, will lead the audience in an interactive session to provide a foundation for courageous conversations.



Above: This photograph depicts President Gerald R. Ford seated at the Cabinet Room table signing a proclamation on Women's Equality Day 1974. Standing behind him are Representatives Yvonne Brathwait Burke (D-California), Barbara Jordan (D-Texas), Elizabeth Holtzman (D-New York), Marjorie S. Holt (R-Maryland), Leonor K. Sullivan (D-Missouri), Cardiss Collins (D -Illinois), Corinne C. Boggs (D-Louisiana), Margaret M. Heckler (R-Massachusetts), Bella S. Abzug (D-New York), and Shirley Chisholm (D-New York). Gerald Ford Library, White House Photographic Office Collection (Ford Administration), Gerald R. Ford White House Photographs, 1974 - 1977. National Archives Identifier 12082600.

In addition, Riva Capellari and Dr. Carol Cowles, American Association of University Women – KC Chapter Public Policy Co-chairs, will offer an historical examination of the steps taken by several coalitions of the 1960s and 1970s to see how they formed strong grassroots partnerships across a diverse section of society to tackle social justice along with women's and religious issues. Their information is based upon research compiled at local and national levels and published in the book, *Feminist Coalitions: Historical Perspectives on Second-Wave Feminism in the United States* by Dr. Stephanie Gilmore. *This program is presented in partnership with the American Association of University Women – KC Branch.*

Reservations are requested for this **free program** by calling 816-268-8010 or emailing [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov). Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

# Monday, August 21 Eclipse Events at Program Partner Locations

A total solar eclipse will occur on Monday, August 21, 2017. It will be visible in totality only within a band across the entire contiguous United States, which includes the area around Kansas City, Missouri. A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth. A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon's apparent diameter is larger than the Sun's, blocking all direct sunlight, turning day into darkness. Totality occurs in a narrow path across Earth's surface, with the partial solar eclipse visible over a surrounding region thousands of kilometers wide. More information can be found on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's web site found [here](#).



Several program partners of the National Archives at Kansas City will be hosting public events. Details are below.

**City of Kansas City, Missouri** - The City Market will host a watch party in collaboration with the City of Kansas City, on Monday, August 21, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The eclipse begins just after 11:30 a.m. and will move into total eclipse at 1:08 p.m. There will be fun, free, fantastic performances and educational activities while we wait, watch and experience this incredible event as a community. WDAF FOX4 Meteorologist Joe Lauria will serve as Master of Ceremonies along with eclipse expert Science City's Patrick Hess and retired geophysicist Laura Tyson. More information can be found [here](#).

Above: AS12-51-7587 - Apollo 12 Mission image of a solar eclipse. National Archives at College Park, Record Group 255, Records of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Photographs of the Apollo Space Program 1967-1972. National Archives Identifier 16690744.

**The Museum at Prairiefire** - Visit the Museum at Prairiefire from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Monday, August 21, to witness the total eclipse of the sun, an event not seen in these parts since the 1800s. This event is for all ages with families encouraged to experience totality together! Enjoy arts and crafts tables, solar eclipse mythology stories, make your own eclipse view lenses and more. Additional information can be found [here](#).

**Park University** - The historical and scientific significance of the 2017 solar eclipse will be discussed when Park University hosts *Eclipsing Park University: A Conversation with Dr. Lynn Bondurant* on Sunday, August 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the Jenkin and Barbara David Theater (inside Alumni Hall) on the University's Parkville Campus. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are recommended to ensure seating. Visit [www.park.edu/eclipse](http://www.park.edu/eclipse) to reserve a seat or for more information about the event. Bondurant, a 1961 graduate of Park University, is a retired NASA educational programs officer and a 2016 inductee into NASA's Glenn Research Center Hall of Fame. In addition, Park University will also host a solar eclipse watch party, billed as #TotalEclipseOfThePark, on Monday, August 21, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Comfort Field/Hemingway Field Parking Lot on the University's Parkville Campus. A partial eclipse is scheduled to begin in Parkville at approximately 11:41 a.m., with the start of the total eclipse at approximately 1:08 p.m. and lasting about 75 seconds. The partial eclipse is scheduled to end in Parkville at approximately 2:35 p.m. A limited number of eclipse viewing glasses will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

**Union Station Kansas City** - Join us Monday, August 21, as we Experience the Eclipse of 2017! Spend an entire day at Science City's Solar Eclipse Watch Party with interactive, hands-on themed programming in Science City, the Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium and our newest space, Haverty Yard. Activities Include:

- Entry into Science City includes free admission to the Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium all day
- New, Eclipse Themed Planetarium Shows and Eclipse(d) Themed Science on a Sphere Shows
- Solar Telescope and projection viewings from the new Haverty Family Yards
- Free Solar Glasses Giveaways On a First-Come First-Served Basis
- Special Guest, Chief Meteorologist Mike Thompson from Fox 4 News

More information can be found [here](#).

# Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

## Can You Realize Where I Am?: A Pipestone Pupil in World War I

*Editorial note: In 2017, the United States will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its involvement in World War I, known as the Great War. Throughout 2017, in each issue of this monthly newsletter, the National Archives at Kansas City will highlight materials from our holdings that illustrate various aspects of the war - either on the home front or abroad.*

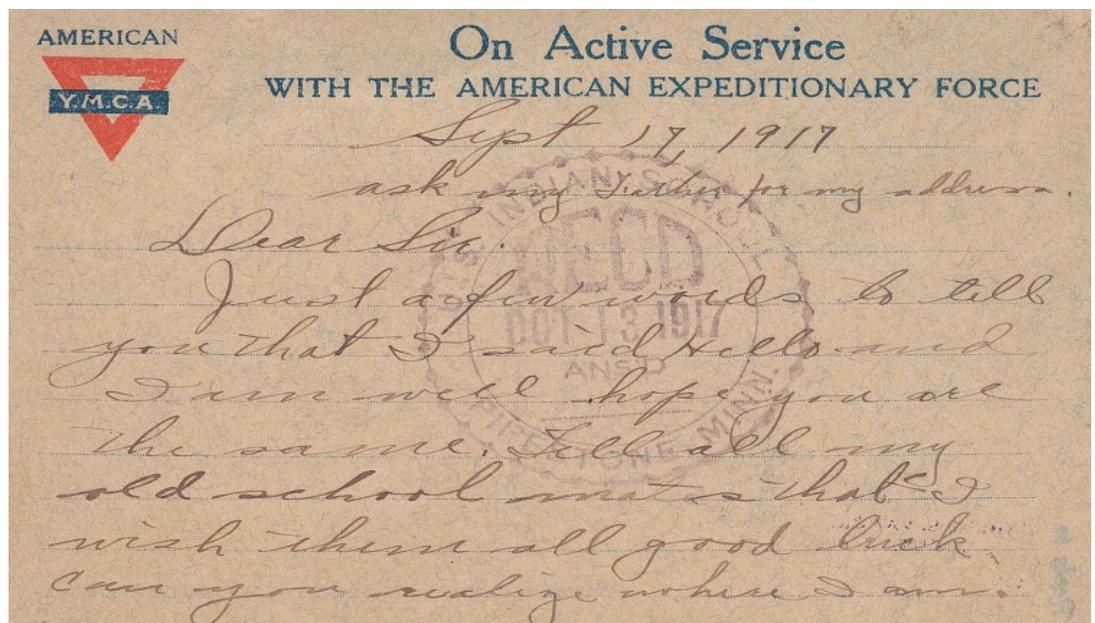
The declaration of war on Germany in April 1917 meant an abrupt change in life for Americans. The United States managed to avoid direct involvement in the European conflict for nearly three years, but developments in German unrestricted submarine warfare brought America into the war. This meant the United States needed young men to serve in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) and the current size of the standing U.S. military was not enough to bolster allied troops overseas without recruitment and the draft.

While some Americans dreaded entanglement in foreign matters, many young men sought the opportunity to serve in the armed forces when few other options were available. One of those young men was Meredith Crooks, a member of the Mdewakanton Sioux tribe in southern Minnesota. As a youth, Meredith attended several Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools across the state, including Pipestone Indian School and even applied for a short time at Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Upon graduation from Pipestone, Meredith floundered. He did not find the personal attachments and academic satisfaction he had enjoyed during his time at Pipestone at other Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in which he was eligible for enrollment. It was during this period war broke out and Meredith discovered an alternate many young men before him also sought: the armed forces. Whether it was an altruistic sense of patriotism and duty that called Meredith, the perceived excitement and glory of battle, or the opportunity to see places far off that enticed him, we cannot say from records. In the fall of 1917, he wrote home to Pipestone from France on an AEF postcard sending regards to his old classmates and former teachers asking “can you realize where I am?”

Meredith served for the duration of the war and two years later wrote to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., in hope of securing a discharge from service. Unfamiliar with Meredith, their office wrote home to Pipestone to learn more about him and his situation. Apparent in the letter is the common perception among school officials of Army life as one leading to dissipation. The letter sender has “no doubt he will be better out of the army than in it.” His discharge was secured.

Meredith’s time in the American Expeditionary Forces and France had one other lasting impact on his life besides the war. Like many young men abroad, he met and fell in love with a young woman in France. They were married, and Jeanette immigrated to the United States and later naturalized. Together they had two children and settled in to live the rest of their lives on the west coast. While the First World War left the world reeling from seismic changes in global power and politics, it also came with smaller changes felt from experiences abroad and later at home by thousands of young men like Meredith. For more information about records related to World War I visit the [National Archives Catalog](#).



Right: Post card from Meredith Crooks, September 17, 1917. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pipestone Indian School, Student Case Files, Meredith Crooks. National Archives Identifier 599708.

## National Archives Remaining Polling Dates for 2017

During 2017, the National Archives at Kansas City will serve as a polling location for some residents in Kansas City, Missouri. Higher than average foot traffic will be expected and parking may be limited. The facility will have extended hours except for the Research Rooms.



Researchers and regular visitors should note the following upcoming polling dates and hours: **Tuesday, August 8, 2017** and **Tuesday, November 7, 2017** from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The National Archives is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on weekends and Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather. The National Archives is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.

The National Archives at Kansas City is home to historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by Federal agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. For more information, call 816-268-8000, email [kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov) or visit [www.archives.gov/kansas-city](http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city). Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity](http://www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity). Tweet us @KCArchives or #KCArchives. Find and follow us on Instagram at: [kansascity.archives](http://kansascity.archives).